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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Lower Cotton Valley Zone
Minden Field
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 360135.0015 (#2)

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation, notice is hereby given that O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY intends to make application to the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To redefine the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, INsofar AND ONLY INsofar as to LCV SUB, LCV SUC and LCV SUD, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 8964 feet and 9849 feet (electrical log measurements) in the O'Brien Energy Company - E.O. Cox No. 1 Well, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.
2. Except for the redefinition noted above, to ratify, confirm and continue in full force and effect LCV SUB, LCV SUC and LCV SUD, as shown on the plat attached hereto, which were created by Office of Conservation Order No. 457-AA, effective November 1, 1968, as drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.
3. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of the Office of Conservation 457-AA Series of Orders to the abovesaid units, as ratified and confirmed.
4. To designate the O'Brien Energy Company - West No. 28-1 Well as the unit well and O'Brien Energy Company as unit operator of LCV SUC.

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5. To consider such other matters and issue such orders as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was previously redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 457-AA-1, effective January 16, 1985, and was further redefined in Order No. 457-AA-5, effective August 12, 2003, insofar only as to LCV SUD, but shall be redefined as set forth above as to LCV SUB, LCV SUC and LCV SUD.

Pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of O'Brien Energy Company, 5925 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Alan Brittain at (318) 865-8568, during normal business hours, or write Mr. Brittain at the above address in order to arrange a time and date for such inspection. Copies of such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached and a copy of this application, with the attached plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons required by the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant will also arrange for mailing, posting and publication of the legal notice of this hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

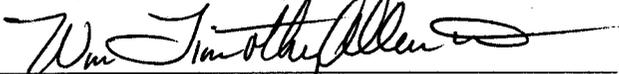
By Pre-Application Notice dated October 31, 2003, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, District Manager
Office of Conservation, Shreveport, La. (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

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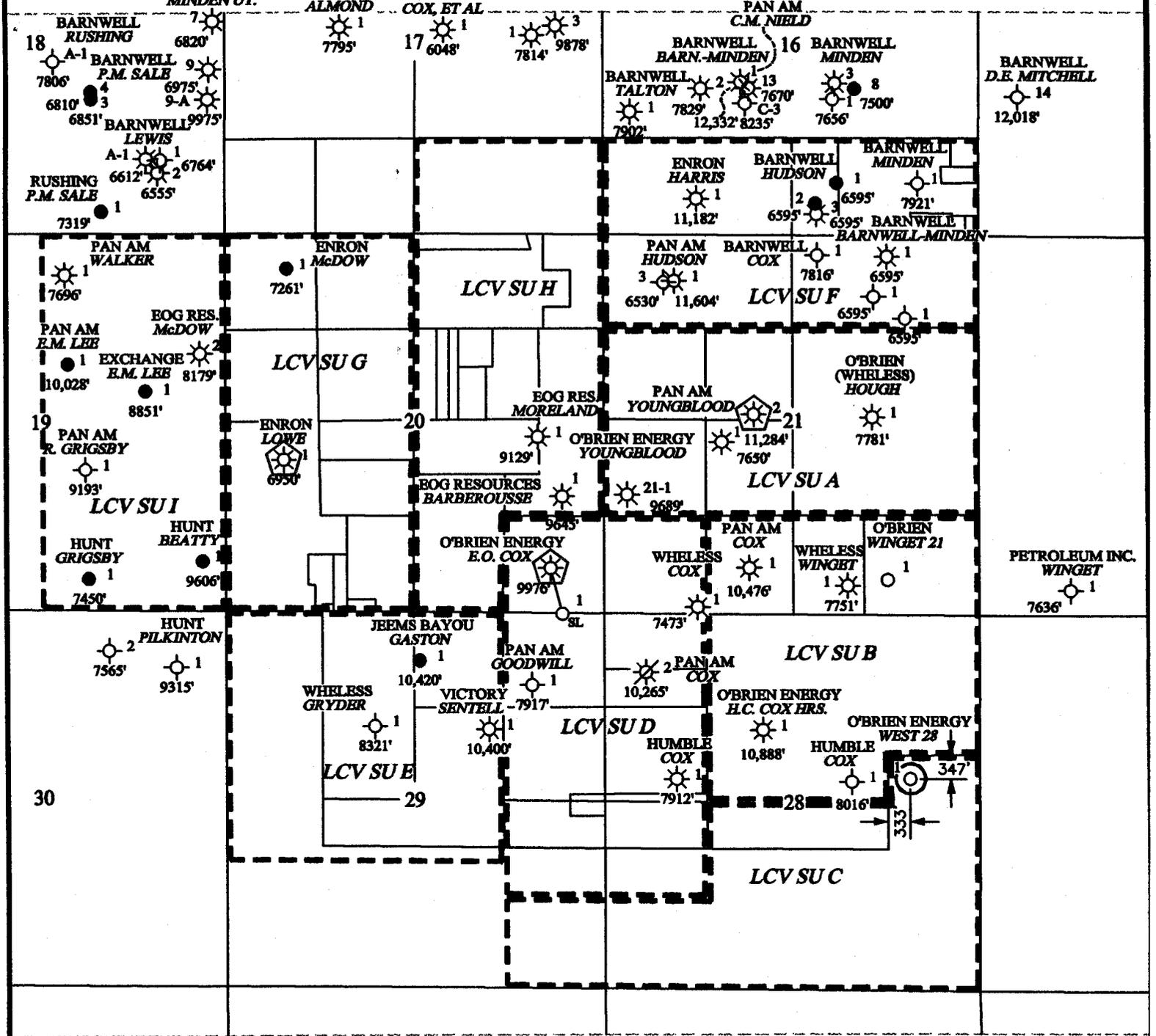


EXHIBIT No. 1

O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

MINDEN FIELD
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT FOR LOWER COTTON VALLEY SAND UNITS

-  : EXISTING LOWER COTTON VALLEY UNIT WELLS
-  : EXISTING LOWER COTTON VALLEY SAND UNITS
-  : PROPOSED LOWER COTTON VALLEY UNIT WELL



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